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ELECTION OF SPECIES AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In response to the telephonic requirement for the election of species, Applicants elect the species of Figure 5. The claims which read on this species are 1-11, 20-50, 67-92, 95-105, and 108-119. Of these, claim 21 is generic. Claims 1, 2, 9, 11, 20, 22-33, 35-44, 67-92, 95-105, and 108-119 are sub-generic claims reading on the species of Figs. 3, 5, and 11. Claims 3-6, 10, and 49 are generic to the species of Figs. 3 and 5. Claims 45 and 47 are generic to Figs. 5 and 11. Should any of these generic or sub-generic claims be allowed, it is noted that the Applicants are entitled to a reasonable number of species.

In addition, kindly amend the claims by adding the following new claims of which all but 106 and 107 read on the elected species: